

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, in a way, the stonewalling done by the hear no evil, see no evil Members on the Committee on House Oversight is a good thing, but only in a political sense.

Hear no evil, see no evil Members refused to grant immunity to four key witnesses in the campaign finance investigations, even though the Justice Department does not oppose the granting of immunity to these four witnesses so that their testimony may be heard.

The behavior of the hear no evil, see no evil Members is an insult to millions of proud Democrats who do believe in the rule of law, who do believe that politicians should be held accountable for their behavior, and who do believe that truth matters more than polls, more than spin, more than political gain.

The truth will eventually come out, the truth about which Members sought the truth, and which Members did everything in their power to prevent the truth from ever seeing the light of day.

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GREAT STONEWALL OF CONGRESS BY DEMOCRATS

(Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, as a young boy, I learned that the great wall of China was in China. But today, we learn that the Democrats in Congress have extended this great impenetrable stone wall of China right through the White House and down the center aisle of Congress.

Let me rephrase that. These stonewallers of justice have been busy erecting a new world wonder: A total, air-tight, round-the-clock stonewall by refusing to grant immunity to 4 key witnesses so that they might testify about illegal campaign contributions to the Democrat party from Communist China. Those witnesses are Kent La, Irene Wu, Larry Wong and Nancy Lee, witnesses that President Clinton's own Justice Department does not oppose granting immunity to.

Let me repeat that again, Mr. Speaker. The same Democrats who deny they are stonewalling refuse to grant immunity to 4 key witnesses, even though the Justice Department does not oppose granting immunity to these 4 witnesses.

The same Democrats who defend convicted felon Susan McDougal's refusal to tell the truth are the same Democrats who are blocking these 4 key witnesses from coming forward to tell the truth. Mr. Speaker, the great wall of China has nothing over congressional Democrats, for their great stonewall of Congress is an even bigger spectacle.

CELEBRATING THE U.S. CONSTITUTION ON THE ONE DOLLAR BILL

(Mr. BLILEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, last week I introduced legislation to put an abbreviated version of the Constitution on the reverse side of the \$1 bill.

The aim of this legislation is to celebrate the Constitution as a living American symbol and integrate it into our lives on a daily basis. Studies have consistently shown that Americans do not know all the rights and freedoms guaranteed to them by the Constitution.

Placing an abbreviated version of the Constitution on the \$1 bill will serve as a daily reminder and teaching tool of the principles upon which the United States was founded. It will spread the philosophy of representative democracy and freedom around the world. It will allow Americans to take pride in this living document, the values for which it stands, and in their Nation.

It has been my pleasure to work with the students at Liberty Middle School in Hanover County, Virginia and their teacher, Randy Wright, on this bill. I commend them for their active participation in our government and am proud to sponsor this legislation on their behalf.

DESPITE EXCESSIVE SURPLUS, POSTAL SERVICE TO IMPOSE STAMP TAX

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recall a tax imposed on our colonial forefathers by the British monarchy in the days before the birth of our Nation. Like the British monarchy, the United States Postal Service has imposed a Stamp Tax upon the American people. Despite recording a net operating surplus of more than \$4.5 billion over the past 3 years and a surplus of over \$1.3 billion already in 1998, the Postal Rate Commission has approved a 1 cent increase in the price of a stamp.

Mr. Speaker, I do not understand how the Postal Service can justify this tax increase on the working families of America, as the agency itself runs a record billion-dollar profit.

Our colonial forefathers would be ashamed of the Postal Service that is now imposing this unnecessary tax on its people.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LACKING IN ECONOMIC KNOW-HOW

(Mr. DUNCAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, a few days ago at a hearing of the Committee on Resources, the Inspector General of the Interior Department reported some shocking findings. He said that the National Park Service had built 19 employee houses at the Yosemite Na-

tional Park at an average cost of \$584,000. One of the homes cost \$700,000.

Now, I know the Federal bureaucracy can rationalize or justify almost anything, and I know that because the national parks are so popular, the Park Service feels it is above criticism and can do just about anything it wants. However, Federal employees already have pay and pensions and hours that are far better than just about everyone except for movie stars and athletes. To build Park Service employees \$584,000 homes on top of what they are already getting is ridiculous.

The really sad part, though, is that very few are shocked about this. We have just come to expect things like this from an agency that last year spent almost \$400,000 on a fancy two-hole outhouse. Once again, Mr. Speaker, the Federal Government has proved that it cannot do anything in an economical manner.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

NORWEGIANS IN VIOLATION OF MORATORIUM ON COMMERCIAL WHALING

(Mr. METCALF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, this year Norway plans to increase the hunting of whales by 30 percent. Yes, my colleagues heard me correctly. The Norwegians plan to kill 671 whales this year. This action will violate the moratorium imposed on commercial whaling in 1982 by the IWC, the International Whaling Commission.

At the 1997 meeting of the IWC, the U.S. administration supported a step backward toward the killing of whales.

Mr. Speaker, I have recently introduced House Resolution 425 to express opposition of the House toward commercial whaling. Last week the Senate unanimously approved legislation to express their opposition to commercial whaling.

Please contact my office to become a cosponsor and help send a signal to the IWC from this House of Representatives.

INDIA TESTS NUCLEAR DEVICE

(Mr. BEREUTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, this Member rises to express his deep regret and disappointment at the series of underground nuclear tests staged May 11 and 13 by India.